

***Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Oratorical Scholarship Contest
For
High School Seniors
2008 - 2009***



***“Remember! Celebrate! Act!
A Day On, Not A Day Off”***

Sponsored by:
The City of Sanford, Florida
Martin Luther King, Jr. Steering
Committee
P.O. Box 500
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. STEERING COMMITTEE**

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December 12, 2008

Dear Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Supporter:

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The City of Sanford Martin Luther King, Jr. Steering Committee is sponsoring activities to award scholarships to Seminole County high school seniors during the 2008 – 2009 academic school year who plan to attend college or a post-secondary institution in the fall of 2009. Elementary and middle school students can participate in the poster contest by using their artistic talents to create posters that represent Dr. King’s philosophies. All students who participate will receive a certificate of participation and the top three winners will receive cash prizes.

We are encouraging the community to support at least one event. There are various ways to participate including purchasing tickets to the annual banquet, sponsoring a table, advertising in our commemorative booklet, or making a donation. There will also be vendor opportunities after the parade during the rally on Monday, January 19, 2009 at Fort Mellon Park.

This year the celebration activities begin Friday, January 16, 2009 – Monday, January 19, 2009. The following events will be held:

MLK High School Seniors Oratorical Scholarship Contest

- Friday, January 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. – Sanford Chamber of Commerce Building
400 East First Street and Sanford Avenue, Sanford, FL

MLK Poster Contest Judging (Event for Elementary and Middle School students)

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MLK Dedication of Historical Marker and MLK, Jr. Boulevard

- Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.
Intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard & SR-46, Sanford, FL

MLK Commemorative Banquet

- Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. – Sanford Civic Center
401 East Seminole Blvd., Sanford, FL

MLK Inter-Faith Religious Service

- Sunday, January 18, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. – Sanford Civic Center
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MLK Parade and Rally culminating at Fort Mellon Park

- Monday, January 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.
Vendor opportunities, presentations, and children’s activities

Please plan to participate in one of these activities. For more information, please call 407-688-5001. We appreciate your continuing support in these efforts.

Sincerely,
Bernard D. Mitchell

Bernard D. Mitchell, Chairman
Martin Luther King, Jr. Steering Committee

The Friendly City

2008 – 2009 High School Senior
Dr. King Oratorical Scholarship Contest Guidelines

EVENT DATE: Friday, January 16, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.
Sanford Chamber of Commerce Building
400 East First Street and Sanford Avenue, Sanford, Florida

Deadline to submit application and speech: December 31, 2008

Sponsored by the City of Sanford Martin Luther King, Jr. Steering Committee
Contact Phone Number: 407-688-5001

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship fund is to honor Dr. King's accomplishments as well as encourage our youth, through education and experience, to continue to strive to become productive citizens and give back to their communities through seeking higher education beyond high school. We are encouraging Seminole County high school seniors who plan to attend a college or university to participate in an Oratorical Contest to receive scholarship funds.

REQUIREMENTS

- Candidate must be a high school senior planning to attend a college or university after graduation
- Candidate must currently have a 2.5 overall GPA earned in high school
- Candidate must submit a copy of his or her speech along with application by December 31, 2008

ORATORICAL CONTEST TOPICS (Choose one topic)

The candidate may choose one of the following topics:

1. What does the "I Have A Dream" speech mean to you, or how has it affected your life?
2. What would Dr. King think about the world in which we live today?
3. How can we create the "Beloved Community" that was one of Dr. King's dreams?

GUIDELINES

- Candidate must perform an oral presentation (memorization of speech) without any notes on one of the contest topics above
- Oral Presentation must be 6 – 8 minutes long
- Candidate will be judged on content, originality, and presentation. Oration must be performed on Friday, January 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sanford Chamber of Commerce Building, 400 E. First Street and Sanford Avenue, Sanford, Florida

COMMEMORATIVE BANQUET

The annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Banquet will be held:

Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Sanford Civic Center

401 E. Seminole Blvd., Sanford, Florida.

We encourage all candidates and parents/sponsors to attend. There is always a dynamic speaker and a buffet dinner will be served. All candidates will be awarded certificates at the banquet.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

- Scholarship funds will be given to candidates after they have received their fall semester schedules from their college. Scholarship winners and a parent must sign a Release of Funds document verifying the student's enrollment status, scholarship amount, and intention to use the funds to defray college expenses.
- It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide any change of address or new phone number to the scholarship contact person.
- Scholarship funds must be claimed by the end of the student's first academic year in college. Otherwise, the funds will be forfeited.

ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST APPLICATION DEADLINE

A copy of the candidate's speech and completed application with signatures from the guidance counselor, parent, and student must be submitted by December 31, 2008. Candidates will be contacted when scholarship information is received. Send a copy of your speech and application to:

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Dr. King Scholarship Application

2008– 2009 Academic School Year High School Senior Oratorical Scholarship Contest

Sponsored by the City of Sanford
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*****Application Deadline: December 31, 2008*****

(Please print)

Name _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip code _____

Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone _____

Birth date _____ Expected High School Graduation Date _____

High School _____ City/State _____

Grade Point Average _____ Counselor's Signature _____

GOALS

Describe your future plans and the career you wish to pursue. Include college/university.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Summarize your school activities emphasizing those that helped to develop citizenship. Include the most important activity and include all offices you have held.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

List community service activities that demonstrate your leadership involvement and abilities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

What do you feel are your greatest accomplishments so far?

Explain how receiving this scholarship will make a difference in your life and also briefly explain how you plan to give back to your community after college.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Please be sure to fill out the entire application and obtain all signatures. Also, submit a copy of your speech and make a copy for yourself. The application deadline date is December 31, 2008.

For additional information, please call: 407-688-5001

Send documents to:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

THEME: "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not A Day Off"
JANUARY 16, 2009 THROUGH JANUARY 19, 2009

**** (PLEASE NOTE ADDED EVENT) ****

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(*Entering from SR46 – look for a sign directing to site*)

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401 East Seminole Blvd., Sanford, FL
Ticket Costs: Adult - \$30 Child (*age 10 and under*) - \$10 Table – seats 10
Join with community leaders and other officials, and your neighbors to commemorate the life and ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as the presentation of the Brotherhood Award to a citizen who exemplifies the ideals and spirit of Dr. King.
Speaker – Ricardo L. Gilmore, Esquire (*native son of Sanford, FL*)
Saxon, Gilmore, Carraway, Gibbons, Lash & Wilcox, P.A., Tampa, FL

MLK Inter-Faith Religious Service

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Speaker – Rev. Terrence Grey, Pastor-St. Marks AME Church, Orlando, FL

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PARADE: Meet at Crooms Academy of Information Technology, 2200 West 13th Street (corner of West 13th Street and Persimmon Avenue) to participate.

RALLY: Takes place immediately following the parade in Fort Mellon Park where the community will rally together with live entertainment, food and games.

For additional 2009 MLK Celebration information:

Contact - Arlene C. Davison, Sanford City Hall at 407.688.5001 *or* www.sanfordfl.gov